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SUBJECT: RUMORS RE U.S. NAVAL INTEREST IN NACALA

1. AS IS PERHAPS TO BE EXPECTED DURING U.S. - PORTUGUESE NEGOTIATIONS ON AZORES, RUMORS ARE ONCE AGAIN FLYING CONCERNING POSSIBLE U.S. INTEREST IN NACALA.

2. JOHANNESBURG STAR OF FEBRUARY 7, UNDER WASHINGTON DATELINE, REPORTED PORTUGAL IS URGING U.S. TO CONSIDER NACALA AS POSSIBLE ANSWER TO ITS NEED FOR MAJOR NAVAL BASE IN WESTERN INDIAN OCEAN. REPORTEDLY THIS SUGGESTION WAS MADE BY PORTUGAL'S AMBASSADOR THEMIDO DURING PRELIMINARY NEGOTIATIONS ON AZORES. ARTICLE CONCLUDES THAT NACALA IS SERVED BY RAILWAY AND AIRPORT AND COULD HARBOR THE ENTIRE AMERICAN SIXTH FLEET (NOTE: TOGETHER WITH FIFTH, SEVENTH AND ALL OTHER FLEETS AS WELL, IN ALL LIKELIHOOD).

3. COMMENT: WHEN ASKED, WE HAVE POOH-POOHED SUGGESTIONS THAT U.S. NAVY IS ACTIVELY CONSIDERING NACALA. HOWEVER, WE WOULD APPRECIATE BEING KEPT INFORMED OF ANY NEW DEVELOP-  
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